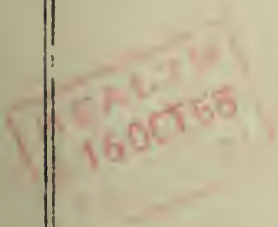


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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1957.



Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
Bridport,
Dorset.

September, 1958.

To the Chairman, and Members of the
Bridport Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

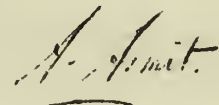
I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the
year 1957.

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I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration
extended to me by Members of the Council, for the co-operation of
my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Colonel Maddocks,
the Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Newman the additional Public
Health Inspector, for their assistance in the preparation of this report.

I am, your obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

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CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males.		Females.		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis respiratory.	-	-	-	2	2
2. Tuberculosis other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	-	-	1	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	-	-	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	5	-	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	1	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	1	3	6	1	11
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	1	1	-	2
16. Diabetes.	-	1	-	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2	3	6	6	17
18. Coronary disease, angina.	9	3	7	1	20
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	2	-	-	1	3
20. Other heart disease.	7	2	5	4	18
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	1	1	2
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	1	1
23. Pneumonia.	3	-	-	2	5
24. Bronchitis.	1	-	1	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	1	-	-	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	2	-	-	-	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	-	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	1	-	-	1	2
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases.	3	-	4	1	8
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.	1	-	-	-	1
35. Suicide.	2	-	-	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
	40	13	36	23	112

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Population.....	6895	7612	7605	7729	7670	7593	7669	7490	7380	7530	7570
Rateable Value.....	£30959	£33714	£34029	£34772	£35271	£36052	£36733	£35701	£37493	£66988	£68365
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate...	£129	£141	£141	£143	£145	£147	£148	£143	£146	£260	£258
BIRTHS.											
Live Births.....	79	104	109	109	97	97	102	79	76	106	100
Legitimate.....	71	99	102	105	95	94	99	76	70	102	100
Illegitimate.....	8	5	7	4	2	3	3	3	6	4	—
Still Births.....	4	2	2	4	3	1	2	5	3	3	1
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	11.5	13.7	14.3	14.1	12.7	12.8	13.3	10.6	10.3	14.07	13.22
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....				16.3	14.6	14.6	15.2	12.9	12.6	17.17	16
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0	15.7	16.1
DEATHS.											
Total Deaths.....	115	116	116	110	111	93	103	100	111	114	112
Death Rate (crude).....	12.4	15.2	15.3	14.2	14.5	12.2	13.4	13.4	15.0	15.14	14.79
Death Rate (corrected).....			10.8	10.1	10.1	8.5	9.4	9.2	10.4	11.20	11.09
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.5
INFANT MORTALITY.											
Deaths under 1 year.....	2	1	5	1	—	3	2	3	4	6	4
Infantile Death Rate.....	25.3	9.6	45.9	9.2	—	30.9	19.6	38	39.5	56.6	40
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	53	33.9	32.4	29.6	29.7	27.6	26.8	25.4	24.9	23.8	23.1
MATERNAL DEATHS.											
Maternal Deaths.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69	0.64	0.56	0.47

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The District is approximately 50 square miles in area with a 20 mile coast line of lovely cliffs and beaches. It is divided into 18 parishes, with a population of 7,750. Agriculture is the basic industry, mostly dairy farming, while catering for holiday makers plays a very important role in the life of the community. Many of the householders are engaged (part-time) as outworkers in the Net and Twine Industry based on Bridport Borough.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The average rainfall for the area is 34 inches per year. Because of the complicated geological formation, there are very few catchment areas in the District, the principal being on the eastern boundary in the neighbourhood of Litton Cheney and Askerswell. With the exception of the supply at Litton Cheney which is taken by the Bridport Water Works Company, there is no other source in the District which can give a sufficient and wholesome supply. The result is, that although the majority of the parishes have piped supplies either privately owned, or, owned by the Rural District Council, because of the shallow sources of these supplies and the variable fluctuation in the yields, leading to frequent shortages in the summer months, especially in the middle and western areas, the District cannot be said to have a satisfactory water supply. Efforts have been made to improve several of the local schemes, and Public Inquiries have been held and sanctions obtained, mainly on grounds of emergency rather than on long-term policy, with however, the proviso that these improvements would dove-tail into an area scheme when this matured.

As the result of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government circular 52/56 regarding the grouping of water undertakings, the Council initiated a series of meetings between representatives of the four West Dorset local authorities and the Dorset County Council, to consider the setting up of a West Dorset Joint Water Board. A report from the County Public Health Engineer in which a case on engineering grounds for the setting up of a Joint Undertaking was put forward. At one of the meetings three representatives from the Ministry attended.

A Joint Water Committee was set up comprising the Borough of Bridport and the Rural Districts of Bridport and Beaminster and the Dorset County Council, Lyme Regis Borough Council having decided to go in with the East Devon Water Board.

The Joint Committee, through the County Council, invited the County Treasurer to be their financial adviser and he was requested to prepare a report upon the financial implications of the formation of a Water Board.

In the light of this report, the Joint Committee advised their respective authorities that a Water Board to be known as the West Dorset Water Board, should be set up in the area.

With the consent of the constituent authorities, a Draft Water Order for the formation of a Water Board was drawn up by the Clerk to the Joint Water Committee in consultation with the Clerk and Treasurer of the County Council.

It is hoped that the West Dorset Water Board should come into operation in October, 1958.

Approximately 3, 500 persons take supplies from Public Mains, 1,000 receive supplies from private Undertakings and the remaining 3,000 rely on shallow wells and springs of doubtful quality and insufficient quantity.

The Council supply Charmouth, Puncknowle, Shipton Gorge and parts of Askerswell villages, while the following supplies are privately owned, apart from Bridport Water Works Company Ltd., which is a Statutory Water Undertaking.

- (a) Barnes' Supply, Symondsbury.
- (b) W.T. Bridges' Supply, Ryall.
- (c) Chideock Water Works Company.
- (d) The Colfox Estate, Symondsbury.
- (e) Hastead's Supply, Morcombelake.
- (f) The Pass Estate Supply, Wootton Fitzpaine.
- (g) West Bexington Water Works Company.
- (h) Whitchurch Canonorum Water Works Company.
- (i) Colonel Bullen's Supply, Stonebarrow.

Bridport Water Works Company Ltd..

This Company, in addition to supplying the Borough of Bridport, also supplies in the Rural District, the parishes of Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, and parts of Allington and Symondsbury, although their Statutory area also includes the parishes of Loders and Swyre. Approximately 2,500 persons out of a total of 4,000 in the Statutory area, receive Company's water including 250-300 dependent on standpipes. In connection with the proposed Puncknowle Water Scheme, the Rural Council have been given permission by the Company to supply part of the parish of Swyre.

I am grateful to the Water Works Company's Engineer for his co-operation in exchanging analyses, reports and discussions on problems connected with water supplies.

Chemical Analysis (in parts per million).

Appearance - Bright with a few mineral particles.

Colour	Nil.	Turbidity	under 3
pH.	7.5	Odour	Nil.
Electric Conductivity	385	Free Carbon Dioxide	9
Chlorine present as Chloride.	20	Total solids	260
Hardness: Total.	210	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	175
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.2	Carbonate	175
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.000	Non-Carbonate	35
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.000	Nitrite Nitrogen under	0.01
Metals	Absent.	Oxygen Absorbed	0.10
		Residual Chlorine,	absent.

Bacteriological Analysis.

1. No. of Bacteria growing on Agar per ml. in 48 hrs. @ 37° C	10.
2. " " " " " " " " " " in 72 hrs. @ 22° C	30.
3. Presumptive Coli Aerogenes (Coliform) Organisms per 100 ml.	Nil.
4. Faecal Coli, per 100 ml.	Nil.

Analyses.

The following table shows the results of Bacteriological Analyses carried out during the year from various supplies.

Supplies	Total	Satisfactory	Suspicious.	Unsatisfactory.
Local Authority.	17	16	1	-
Private.	35	10	8	17

Existing Supplies.

These have not altered since they were described in previous Reports.

During the year descaling of mains on the Charmouth supply between Fernhill Cross-roads and the reservoir, and reservoir and New Inn and Lower Sea Lane, was completed and 17 major leaks were located and repaired both during and after descaling. A 3" A.C. main was laid across the Charmouth new bridge. A tender for the relaying of mains in Higher Sea Lane and extension to Mrs Crapper's estate was approved by the Council at the end of the year and now awaits Ministry approval. In October, the Council approached the East Devon Water Board for a bulk supply to augment the Charmouth supply; this is still under discussion.

At Loders, the Council own a spring adjoining their Wellplot Housing Estate. This spring yields over 30,000 g.p.d..

A Public Inquiry was held at Puncknowle on 16/7/1957 regarding the proposed water scheme to supply the villages of Puncknowle Swyre and West Bexington. The scheme envisages the construction of a 30,000 gallon capacity reservoir and the laying of 3" diameter asbestos mains. The result of this Inquiry is still awaited.

In Shipton Gorge, one half square mile including the village, with approximately 190 persons in 62 houses, is supplied by the Council's scheme completed at the end of 1956. This supply is from a 6" diameter 130 feet deep borehole, yielding 5,500 g.p.d., which is pumped by an electric submersible pump to a 15,000 gallons capacity reservoir. The average consumption was only 10 gallons per head of population per day, but this will increase as modernisation of the cottages proceeds.

At Whitchurch the Surveyor reported that he had made a survey with a view to implimenting the existing insufficient supply but could not find sufficient water for this purpose.

At Wootton Fitzpaine the proposal for augmentation was deferred owing to the financial crisis.

In connection with the proposed area scheme, a trial borehole was commenced in November at Litton Cheney.

Water Shortage.

Severe water shortages were experienced between June and October in Charmouth, Stanton St. Gabriel and West Bexington, and the Council were obliged to haul water to these villages.

Drainage and Sewerage.

As stated in previous reports, the District is not satisfactorily sewered and all the streams are receiving crude sewage from the villages through which they flow, especially at Charmouth, Chideock, Symondsbury, Bradpole, Puncknowle and Walditch. The Council realising this serious position have commenced tackling the problem. In 1956 they completed the sewerage of Shipton Gorge and this year have completed the sewerage of Burton Bradstock. A scheme for Charmouth has received approval from the Ministry as has also one for Puncknowle. The Council have also decided to go ahead with the preparation of schemes for Walditch and Litton Cheney. A preliminary scheme for Chideock has been deferred because of shortage of water, and one for partial sewerage of Loders village has also been deferred.

Public Cleansing.

A monthly collection of refuse and salvage at present operates, indestructible household refuse only being collected. This scheme is operated by three men using a 3/4 ton Bedford lorry with trailer. Refuse is dumped into old quarries at Bennett's Hill, Burton Bradstock, and Litton Cheney.

In November, the Council agreed to the introduction of a fortnightly collection including ashes, for the parishes east of Symondsburry-Chideock parish boundary. Unfortunately a similar scheme will not be put into operation for the western parishes of the District because of the inability to find a site for refuse disposal; sites have been earmarked but have been turned down through one cause or another.

During the year 15 tons. 3 cwts. of paper, 4 tons. 7½ cwts. of metal and 1 cwt. of textiles were collected and sold.

In connection with Public Cleansing 49 visits were made.

Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

No. of Petroleum licences granted during the year.....14.

Total Storage capacity in the area :-

Petrol.....	15,350	galls.
Paraffin.....	800	"

All petroleum installations have been visited during the year and electrical and fire precautions checked.

Shops and Offices.

9 inspections were carried out and no Notices were served,

Smoke Abatement.

No Nuisances were reported regarding smoke emission and no visits were paid.

Eradication of Vermin and Rodent Control.

The Rodent Operator is still employed on a part-time basis of 3 days per week.

No. of complaints received.....	104
No. of disinfestations carried out.....	109
No. " " being carried out at the end of the year....	2
No. of private dwellings included in disinfestation subject to Ministry grant..	90
No. not subject to grant.....	19
No. of business premises included in disinfestation not subject to grant.....	19
Total mileage travelled.....	3415
No. of dead rats recovered.....	644

In addition to the disinfestations, the Rodent Operator continued to carry out the survey of private dwellings, business places and lands, and during the year, 159 premises were surveyed and found to be free of infestations. Sewer treatments, either as maintenance treatments or test baitings, using zinc phosphide or Antu as the poisons, were carried out to all sewer systems in accordance with the Ministry's requirements. Treatment was carried out to the sewers at West Bay, Charmouth and Bothenhampton.

No. of Informal Notices under the Prevention of
damage by Pests Act, served.....Nil.
No. of Statutory Notices under Section 6 of
the Act.....Nil.

10 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspector.

Camping Sites.

Spending holidays in caravans or tents is becoming more popular every year, and the beautiful coast of this Rural District attracts large numbers of campers.

Camping licences were issued or renewed during the year authorising the use of 811 caravans on 29 sites.

15 applications covering 71 caravans and 90 tents were refused on the grounds of inadequate sanitary arrangements or being detrimental to the amenities of the area,

16 beach huts at Seatown, 14 at Eype's mouth and 13 at West Bexington, were approved as temporary structures.

45 visits were made to camping sites.

Schools.

Of the 13 schools in the area 9 receive Pasteurised milk and 4 T.T. milk; all have piped water supplies; 1 has bucket closets, 1 vault closets, while the remainder have water closets.

Flooding.

Flooding occurred early in the year at Burton Bradstock sewerage works and adjoining camping field, and the Avon and Dorset River Board have agreed to take steps to eliminate future flooding in this area.

An application for "maining" of the river Asker from the Brewery to Bradpole Bridge (2.5 miles), and the river Simene, from St. Michael's Foundary to Grove Iron Works (0.96 miles), was reported by the above River Board in November.

Public Conveniences.

The Council own Public Conveniences at Seatown and Charmouth, the cleaning being carried out by part-time caretakers.

30 inspections were made.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Under P.H.A. 1936 (Nuisances).....	100.	Shops Act & Food & Drugs Act, 1938,.....	61
Water Supplies.....	301.	Sewers etc.....	150
River Diversions.....	1.	Infectious Diseases.....	17
R.D.C. sites and schemes.....	164.	Miscellaneous.....	6
Informal Notices (P.H.A. 36) served	13	Complied with.....	13
" " (Food & Drugs Act)"	3	" "	3
Statutory Notices (P.H.A. 36) served	0	Complied with.....	0

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is one licensed slaughterhouse, privately owned, situated in Bradpole. Meat Inspection at this slaughterhouse is carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon employed part-time by the Council. The owner of the slaughterhouse has his own delivery van, and meat from this slaughterhouse is also sent outside the Rural District.

14 inspections were paid to the slaughterhouse during 1957.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.						
	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	814	478	4067	5623	4118	-
Number inspected.	814	478	4067	5623	4118	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	16	19	-	30	3	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	291	204	11	734	284	-
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	37.7	46.7	0.3	13.6	6.97	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	8	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	43	51	-	-	130	-
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	5.3	12.3	-	-	3.1	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors at end of 1957.....	3.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm.....	2.
No. of inspections of dairies.....	9.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested".....	2.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Pasteurised".....	2.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Sterilised".....	1.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 43 samples of milk taken in the District for analyses by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Rural District Council.

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	4	20	13	37
Failed.	-	2	4	6

Regarding the samples that failed, the producers of these were notified and where two or more consecutive samples failed, the County Milk Production Officer was requested to visit the farm.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 Section 20.

Action was taken where one cow in a herd of 21 was found to be secreting tubercle bacilli.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises registered for the :-

(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....	Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream.....	33.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected.....	32.
No. of inspections.....	37.

Pre-packed ice cream is supplied to the registered premises by the following firms.

<u>Manufacturer.</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises.</u>
T. Walls & Son.	12
J. Lyons & Co. Ltd.	8.
St. Ivel Ice Cream Co.	4.
Hunts of Sherborne.	2.
Horlicks Dairies.	4.
Meddocreame.	1.
Cremier Ice Cream.	1.
Clover Leaf.	1.

No samples were taken for analysis during the year.

Condemnation of Food.

Three condemnation certificates were issued in respect of 79½ lbs. imported tinned meats.

Food Premises.

No. of detailed inspections of food premises.....	38.
No. of detailed inspections of stalls, stands, mobile canteen and vehicles.....	6.

HOUSING.

4 flats were completed by the Local Authority during the year at Burton Bradstock. Work commenced in November on 8 houses at Crock Lane, and a scheme for another 4 flats at Burton Bradstock has been prepared.

Since the war, 196 houses have been built by the Council in the following parishes :- Allington 12, Askerswell (4 houses by M. of Agr. 1945) Bradpole 76, Burton Bradstock 26, Charmouth 26, Chideock 16, Loders 8, Stanton St. Gabriel 8, Shipton Gorge 12, Whitchurch 8, Wootton Fitzpaine 4.

At the end of the year there were approximately 125 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected for defects.....	45.
No. of inspections.....	71.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation.....	4.
No. of Informal Notices (Housing Act) served.....	4.
No. " " " " " complied with.....	4.
No. of Statutory Notices (Housing Act) served.....	2.
No. " " " " " complied with.....	4.

(includes 2 served in 1956)

Note The figures given above do not include any reference to inspections or subsequent actions taken under the Slum Clearance programme.

Rural Housing Survey and Housing Repairs and Rents Act. 1954.

Progress has been continued in respect of the Classification IV houses, (those requiring demolition and replacement) during the year. Final detailed inspections have been carried out confirming the classification of the preliminary surveys or necessitating re-classifications, and the Sub-Committee inspections were made of Classification IV houses in those parishes in which a water supply and main drainage scheme were available or will be available shortly. No houses were erected during the year to re-house those persons who will be displaced as a result of Clearance Orders, etc.

The position in respect of the Classification IV dwellings as at the 31st. December, 1957, is shown in the table on page 12.

The seven year programme envisaged required that about 28 classification IV dwellings should be dealt with annually, but as re-housing facilities are not available, no progress can be made beyond the declaration and confirmation of Clearance Orders, and there are already 12 houses in this position.

Re-housing.

No. of new houses completed during 1957 :-

By (a) Local Authority (Burton Bradstock 4 Flats).....	4.
(b) Private Enterprise.....	25.
No. of families in new houses.....	29.
No. of persons (approx).....	101.
No of dwellings in course of construction at 31/12/57 by :-	
Local Authority.....	8.
Private Enterprise.....	16.

Parish.	Preliminary Inspections made.	Final Inspections made.	Total Inspections made.	Repair Propose invited by L.A.	Repair Propose accepted by L.	Repairs carri out during yea	Clearance Area declared..	Clearance Orde made.	Purchased by L.A.	Closing Order made.	Demolition Or made.	Houses demolished.	Still to be dealt with.
Allington.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Askerswell.	2	5	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Bothenhampton.	10	4	14	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Bradpole.	9	4	13	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	9
Burton Bradstock.	-	8	8	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Catherston Leweston.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charmouth.	8	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Chideock.	7	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Chilcombe.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litton Cheney.	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Loders.	11	5	16	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	13
Puncknowle.	16	8	24	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Shipton Gorge.	-	8	8	5	1	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-
Stanton St. Gabriel	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Swyre.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symonds bury.	28	19	47	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	1	-	38
Whitchurch Canonieorum.	19	3	22	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	20
Wootton Fitzpalne.	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Totals.	125	67	192	20	9	5	14	12	3	2	1	1	148

Improvement Grants.

No. of applications received.....	24.
No. approved.....	17.
No. disapproved.....	1.
No. withdrawn.....	4.
No. of separate dwellings included in approved applications..	18.
No. of separate dwellings in which improvements have been completed.....	16.
Value of grants approved.....	£5,398.

Small Dwelling Acquisition.

No. of applications received during 1957.....	26.
No. " " approved " "	25.
No. " " refused " "	1.

Post War Houses.

No. of houses completed since 1945. by :-	
Local Authority.....	196
Private Enterprise.....	214.

No. of houses owned by Local Authority.

Allington	12.	Burton Bradstock	42.	Shipton Gorge	12.
Askerswell.	4.	Charmouth	49.	Stanton St.	
Bothenhampton	12.	Chideock,	33.	Gabriel.	8.
Bradpole.	86.	Loders	8.	Whitchurch Can.	8.
				Wootton Fitz.	4.
				Bridport (flats)	2.

Total - 280.

The number of building sites owned by the Council but not yet developed are at :-

Burton Bradstock (Bindbarrow)
Puncknowle (Clay Lane)

The site at Symondsburry (Watton) was sold in June.

Number of building sites owned by Local Authority but not yet fully developed are :-

Ridwood, Chideock.
Peashill, Shipton Gorge.
Wellplot, Loders.

In January, the Council decided that the sale of Council Houses should be suspended, but by reason of an application received before January, 1957, No. 4. Higher Sea Lane, Charmouth, was sold in June.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

Apart from Measles and Whooping Cough, the incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases was fairly low.

Five of the ten cases of Pneumonia occurred in persons over 60 years of age.

There were two cases of paralytic Poliomyelitis, in a mother and son.

Over half the cases of Measles occurred among infant school children, and this also applied to Whooping Cough. Three of the parents of Whooping Cough cases also developed the disease.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

The two cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred in persons over 40 years of age.

Close co-operation was maintained with Head Teachers and School Nurses regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools.

Immunisation. (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Smallpox, Poliomyelitis).

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council. When not performed by the child's own doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centres. 67 children were given their primary, and 68 reinforcing inoculations against Diphtheria; 60, their primary, and 16, reinforcing inoculations against Whooping Cough; 60, their primary and 4 reinforcing vaccinations against Smallpox, and 310 were given their primary vaccinations against Poliomyelitis.

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

The County Council are also responsible for this vaccination. Children aged 13 years are tested and when necessary, are vaccinated against Tuberculosis. These children are tested and immunised at the schools which they are attending.

The following is a table of those children who were immunised during the year.

	Alfred Colfox School.	Monkton Wyld.
No. in age group.	180	15
No. of acceptances.	135	10
No. tested.	129	10
No. of positive reaction.	12	1
No. vaccinated.	117	9
O/F to next age groups		
(a) For retest	4	-
(b) absentees.	2	-

Note : The above table also includes senior children from Bridport Borough and a few from Beaminster and Dorchester Rural Districts, who attend the Colfox School.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.
Section 47. Removal of Persons in need of Care and
Attention to suitable premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1957.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Erysipelas.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
Measles.....	59	1	5	4	2	5	31	8	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polomyelitis (Paralytic).....	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia.....	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	7	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	7	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary).....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	66	4	5	5	7	4	30	4	3	4	-	-
Totals.	153	6	11	9	10	12	64	13	5	9	8	6

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Erysipelas.....	3	-	-	1	2
Measles.....	59	1	24	33	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	1	-	-	-	1
Polomyelitis (Paralytic).....	2	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia.....	10	5	-	1	4
Scarlet Fever.....	7	-	1	-	6
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary).....	3	1	1	1	-
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)...	2	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough.....	66	2	32	27	5
Totals.	153	9	59	65	20

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938, 1940, 1942 - 1957.

DISEASES.	1938	1940	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Diphtheria.....	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	1	-	4	3	6	3	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	1	-	1	2	3
Scarlet Fever.....	9	5	5	9	6	5	8	9	6	2	11	7	2	6	3	-	1	7
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	5	-	2	3	-	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	7	-	2	6	2	1	1	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	2	2	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	3	7	7	11	16	4	11	10
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	5	5	1	6	8	4	2	4	1	3	3	6	4	-	6	-	2	3
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	1	1	3	4	2	3	5	3	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	2
Malaria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Measles.....	U.K.	93	56	21	15	205	3	40	62	8	112	78	18	83	2	187	69	59
Whooping Cough.....	U.K.	-	2	10	26	24	4	60	24	34	37	62	31	80	21	16	6	66
Totals.	18	117	73	62	71	250	35	129	98	60	175	164	69	188	51	211	94	153

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases Notified during 1957.</u>				<u>Deaths during 1957.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0- 4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54.	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
55-64.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Total.	1	2	1	1	1	2	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1957.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	1	5	-	1	1	1	-	-
1939.	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	-
1940.	2	4	1	-	1	2	1	-
1941.	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1942.	2	-	1	2	2	2	-	-
1943.	6	6	-	4	-	1	-	-
1944.	6	4	-	3	1	1	-	-
1945.	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	-
1946.	2	-	1	3	1	1	-	1
1947.	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	-
1948.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1949.	3	1	-	3	-	3	-	-
1950.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951.	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
1952.	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1953.	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1954.	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1956.	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
1957.	1	2	1	1	1	2	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on Register at end of 1956.	13	6	1	2
New Cases notified during 1957.	1	2	1	1
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	-	-	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	1	-	-	1
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	-	-	-	-
Deaths during 1957.	1	2	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1957.	12	6	2	2

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	22	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	29	7	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	51	7	1	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which Defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Re- medied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	1	1	-	-	-
Total.	1	1	-	-	-

Part V111 of the Act.

OUTWORK.

Sections 110 & 111

Nature of Work.	No. of Out-workers in August List reqd. by Sec. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel.	2	-	-	-	-	-
Nets, other than wire nets.	189	-	-	-	-	-
	191	-	-	-	-	-

